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## CHP STATEWIDE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has secured a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration entitled, "Statewide Enforcement and Education Operations Targeting DUI (STOP DUI) II." This grant will provide funding for DUI enforcement in an effort to remove impaired drivers from California's roadways. CHP personnel will be deployed on an overtime basis with the mission of apprehending impaired drivers. In addition to enforcing DUI laws, officers will also enforce all other traffic safety laws such as, speeding, unsafe passing, and occupant restraint violations.

Utilizing project-funded overtime, the CHP will conduct a minimum of 100 sobriety/driver license checkpoints, 65 DUI task force operations and deploy DUI roving enforcement patrol operations statewide. The enforcement activities will be conducted between January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008.

The CHP is urging motorists to help reduce the incidence of DUI fatalities and injuries by not drinking and driving. Let's all do our best to keep California roadways safe in 2008.

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